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## PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Response.

The petition fee (37 CFR §1.17) is believed to be \$555.00, for a three-month extension of time. Fee payment is provided through our Deposit Account. However, if extensions of time under 37 CFR §1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295.

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